

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 2969–2976; 1 private bill, H.R. 2977; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 314–316, were introduced. **Pages H9021–22**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H. Res. 312, providing for consideration of H.R. 2910, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002 (H. Rept. 106–347); and

H. Res. 313, providing for consideration of H.R. 2436, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder (H. Rept. 106–348). **Page H9021**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Nussle to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8969**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. John H. White of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. **Page H8969**

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, September 28, by a ye and nay vote of 375 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 459.

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Agricultural Risk Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program. **Pages H8978–96**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The LaHood amendment that creates a pilot project to evaluate the effectiveness of risk management tools for livestock producers; and **Page H8989**

The Jackson-Lee amendment of Texas that expresses the Sense of Congress that the Department of Agriculture should ensure the full participation of minority and limited-resource farmers and ranchers in crop insurance programs. **Page H8995**

Withdrawn:

The Upton amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to correct the erro-

neous crop insurance price paid to Michigan peach farmers by the Department of Agriculture.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 308, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 422 yeas with 1 voting "nay" Roll No. 458.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:42 p.m. and reconvened at 4:43 p.m. **Page H9020**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H8969.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H9023.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8977 and H8977–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DRUG CONTROL LAWS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Enforcement of Drug Control Laws. Testimony was heard from Delegate Norton; Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Brian Jordan, Assistant Chief, District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department; Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant, Attorney General; Wilma Lewis, U.S. Attorney, District of Columbia; and Keith B. Vines, Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco, State of California.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2884, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 2003; H.R. 2531, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000; H.R. 1832, Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act; and H.R. 754, Made in America Information Act.

LAND RECYCLING ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2580, Land Recycling Act.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing on the 2000 Census: Evaluating the Local Update of Census Addresses Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce: Kenneth Prewitt, Director, John Thompson, Associate Director, Decennial Census; and Preston Jay Waite, Assistant to the Associate Director, Decennial Census; J. Christopher Mihm, Acting Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

GSA—BUILDING ACQUISITION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 2513, to direct the Administrator of General Services to acquire a building located in Terre Haute, Indiana. Testimony was heard from Representative Pease; the following officials of the GSA: James Whitlock, Assistant Regional Administrator for Public Building, Great Lakes Region (Region 5); and Gordon Creed, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Property Disposal, Public Buildings Service; Edward J. Rynne, Jr., Real Estate Specialist, Asset Management Group, U.S. Postal Service; Jim Jenkins, Mayor, Terre Haute, State of Indiana; and a public witness.

ANTHRAX VACCINE PROGRAM IMPACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on the Impact of the Anthrax Vaccine Program on Reserve and National Guard Units. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles Cragin, Acting Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; Lt. Col. Thomas Heemstra, USAF, Air National Guard, State of Kentucky; Maj. Cheryl Hansen, USAF, Air Force Reserves; Capt. David A. Panzera, USAF and Tech Sgt. William Mangieri, USAF, both with the Air National Guard, State of New York.

TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AGENDA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Transatlantic Trade Agenda: A Conflict or Cooperation? Testimony was heard from Charles Ludolph, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Europe, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; E. Bryan Samuel, Deputy Assistant Secretary,

Trade Policy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SELECTED REGIONAL ISSUES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing to receive an Update on Selected Regional Issues including the following: Colombia and U.S. Policy; Legislative Elections in Haiti and U.S. Troop Withdrawal; Status of Counter-Drug Forward Operating Locations; U.S.-Cuba Counter-Narcotics Cooperation Proposal; Chinese Influence in the Panama Canal; Political Events in Venezuela; and Status of U.S. Property Claims in Nicaragua. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Romero, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

SMALL BUSINESS LIABILITY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 2366, Small Business Liability Reform Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**REGULATORY FAIR WARNING ACT;
OVERSIGHT—LEGAL SERVICES
CORPORATION**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 881, Regulatory Fair Warning Act of 1999.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Edouard R. Quatrevaux, Inspector General; John McKay, President; and John N. Erlenborn, Vice Chair, Board of Directors; Laurie E. Ekstrand, Director; Administration of Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT;
STALKING PREVENTION AND VICTIM
PROTECTION ACT**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1248, Violence Against Women Act of 1999; and H.R. 1869, Stalking Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Bonnie Campbell, Director, Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice; Robert Fein, Forensic Psychologist, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS
ADMINISTERED BY FISH AND WILDLIFE
SERVICE; SUBPOENA AUTHORITY**

Committee on Resources: Continued oversight hearings on the Federal Aid Programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Part II). Testimony

was heard from Barry Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science, GAO; James Beers, Wildlife Biologist, Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

The Committee also approved a motion granting Chairman Young authority to issue such subpoenas as he may deem necessary in relation to an inquiry into the administration and execution of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnston Sport Fish Restoration Act and into the expenditure and maintenance of certain funds under these and other Acts administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior; including the authority to require by subpoena the testimony of Assistant Interior Secretary Donald J. Barry at a future hearing before the Committee, and the production of other materials related to the inquiry.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule, providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 3(b) of rule XIII (requiring the inclusion in the report of any record votes on a motion to report, or on any amendment to a bill reported from committee). The rule makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canaday of Florida, Graham, Conyers, Watt of North Carolina, and Lofgren.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2910, National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 1999. The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee of Rules accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the bill will be open for amendment by section. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record*. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representative Lipinski.

NASA'S X-33 PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's X-33 Program. Testimony was heard from Gary Payton, Deputy Associate Administrator, Space Transportation Technology, Office of Aero-Space Technology, NASA; Allen Li, Associate Director, Defense Acquisition Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

"RE-GROW" RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Helping Agricultural Producers "Re-Grow" Rural America. Testimony was heard from Dayton Watkins, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

GROUND-WATER CONTAMINATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 910, to authorize the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers and in coordination with other Federal agency heads, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term solution to the problems of ground-water contamination, water supply, and reliability affecting the San Gabriel ground-water basin in California, and the role of the Corps of Engineers in the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dreier and Napolitano; Brig. Gen. Hans A. Van Winkle, USA, Deputy Commander for Civil

Works, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

TREASURY'S DEBT BUYBACK PROPOSAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Treasury's Debt Buyback Proposal. Testimony was heard from Lee Sachs, Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury; Paul L. Posner, Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on the National Intelligence Estimate on the Ballistic Missile Threat. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

Joint Meetings

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to explore the effects biotechnology has on our economy, standard of living, and everyday lives, after receiving testimony from Arthur D. Levinson and Steven Shak, both of Genentech, Inc., James Glassman, American Enterprise Institute, Robert Bunning, National Rehabilitation Hospital, and Carolyn Boyer-Fortier, all of Washington, D.C.; Arthur Ullian, Task Force on Science, Healthcare and the Economy, Genzyme Corporation, Peter Lynch, Fidelity Management and Research Company, Carl Rausch, Biopure Corporation, and Alan Sager, Boston University School of Public Health, all of Boston, Massachusetts; Hendrik A. Verfaillie, Monsanto Company, St. Louis, Missouri; Lewis E. Edelheit, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York; Christine Cassel, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Mt. Sinai, New York; Matthew Andresen, Island ECN, Inc., New York, New York; M. Kathy Behrens, National Venture Capital Association, Arlington, Virginia; Daniel Callahan, Hastings Center, Garrison, New York; John Kim Niparko, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland; Edward Fritzky, Immunex Corporation, Seattle, Washington; Ronald W. Dollens, Guidant Corporation, Santa Clara, California; George B. Rathmann, ICOS Corporation, Bothell, Washington; Larry Einhorn, Indiana University School of Medicine, Bloomington; Lance Armstrong, Austin, Texas; Julia Breyer-Lewis, Vanderbilt University, and Erin Fagan, both of Nashville, Tennessee; and Joan London, Adelphi, Maryland.

FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 900/H.R. 10, bills to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to review the Administration's agriculture agenda for the upcoming World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nomination of Stephen D. Van Beek, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation; the nomination of Michael J. Frazier, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation; the nomination of Thomas B. Leary, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner; the nomination of Linda Joan Morgan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board; and the nomination of Gregory Rohde, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information; and lists for promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the United States Coast Guard, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings on S. 1130, to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to liability of motor vehicle rental or leasing companies for the negligent operation of rented or leased motor vehicles, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1457, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assess opportunities to increase carbon storage on national forests derived from the public domain and to facilitate voluntary and accurate reporting of forest projects that reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues on corruption in Russia, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to markup S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: to hold hearings to examine the global impact of Y2K technology on the transportation system, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.